



# Diet Acid/Base Bone

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# Forward Work



Bone Strength?  
Fracture risk?

↑ resorption  
↑ formation

Optimization  
Exercise  
Diet





# Dietary Protein



## Excess protein: beneficial or harmful to bone?

Oxidation of excess protein yields  $H^+$  corresponding to  $H_2SO_4$

Bone: reservoir of base

Osteoclasts are more active at lower pH

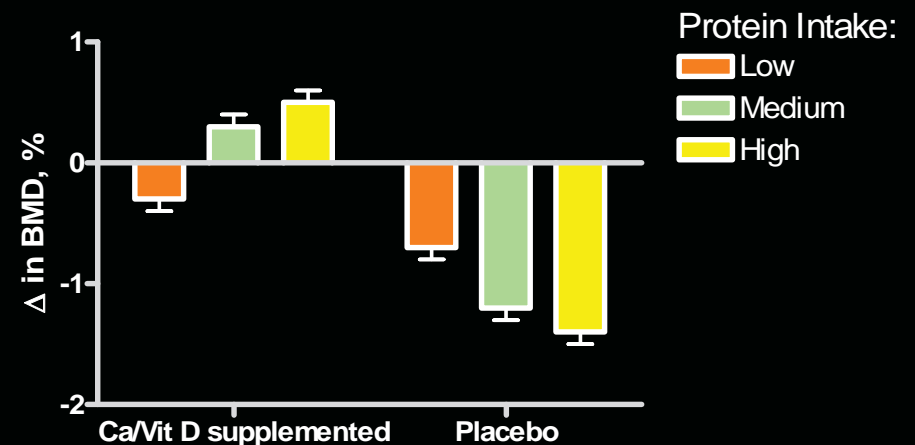
## Other factors

Calcium

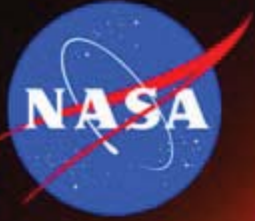
Base-components

Type of protein

*Dawson-Hughes et al. 2002*







# Animal vs. Vegetable



## Animal protein

Diets rich in animal protein tend to have greater overall acid potential

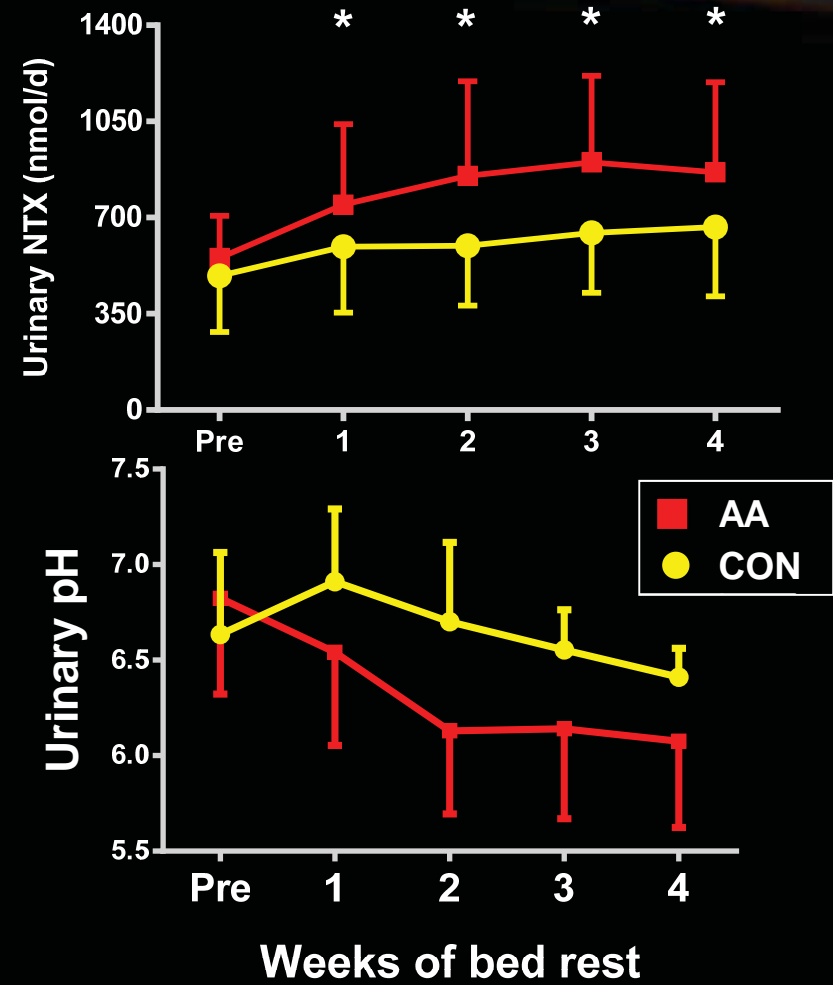
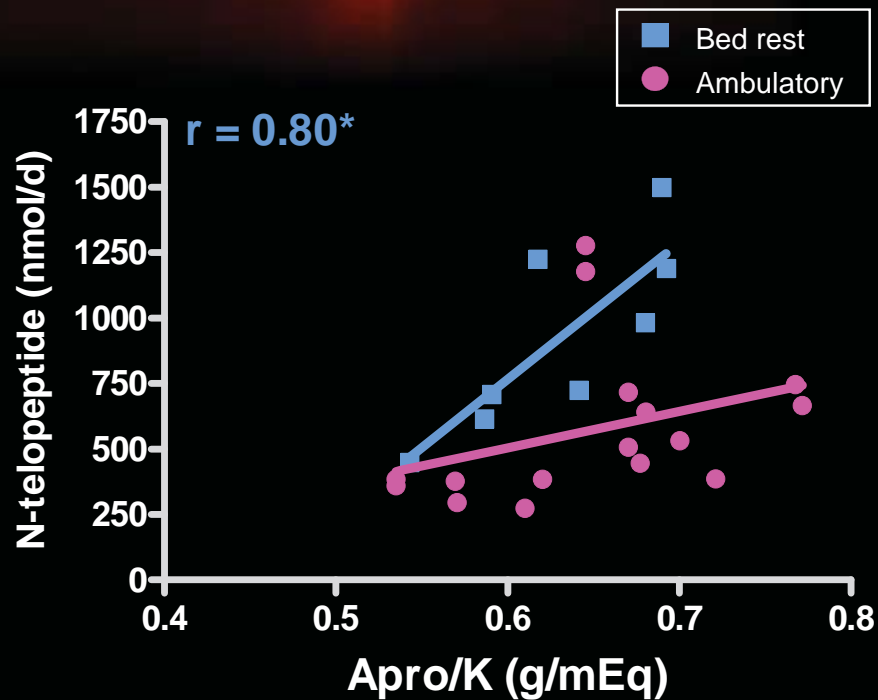
## Vegetables/fruits

Contain substantial amounts of base precursors (and K)

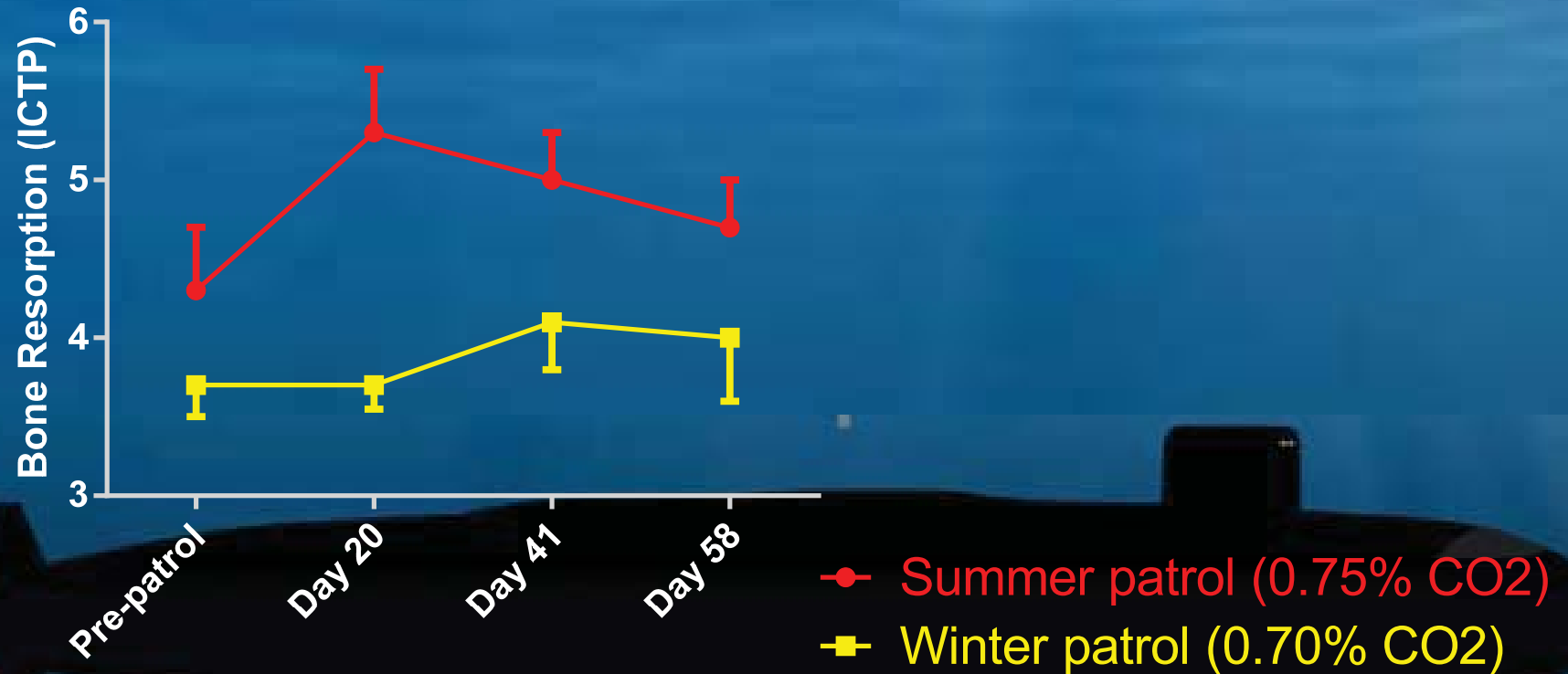
APro/K provides an estimation of acid/alkali load



# Bed Rest



# Submariners



Serum carboxy-terminal cross linked telopeptide of type 1 collagen (ICTP)

*J Appl Physiol* 112:587-596, 2012

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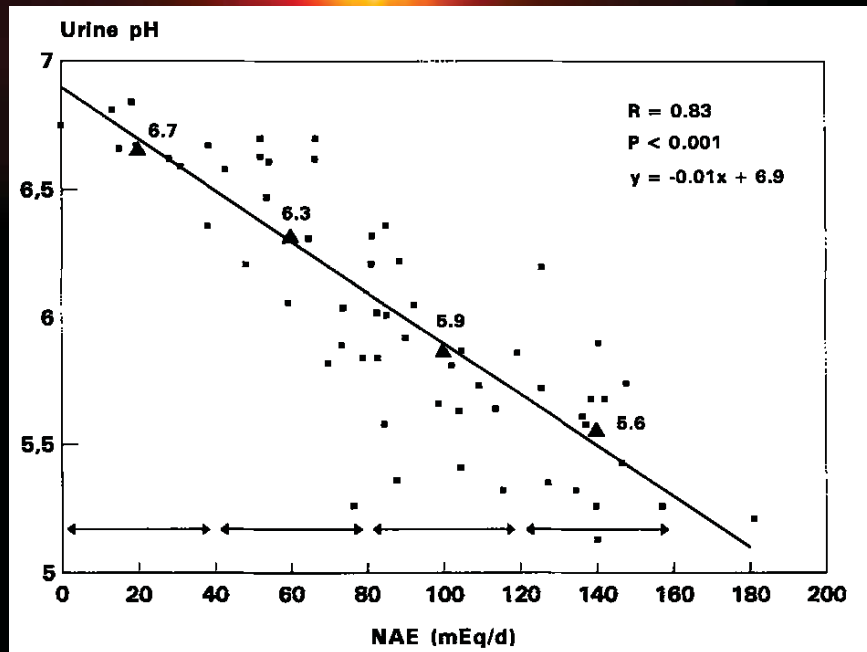
- 4-d controlled diets 2x before and 4x during flight
  - High APro/K: 1.0-1.3 g/mEq
  - Low APro/K: 0.3-0.6 g/mEq
- Blood/urine samples collected at end of session



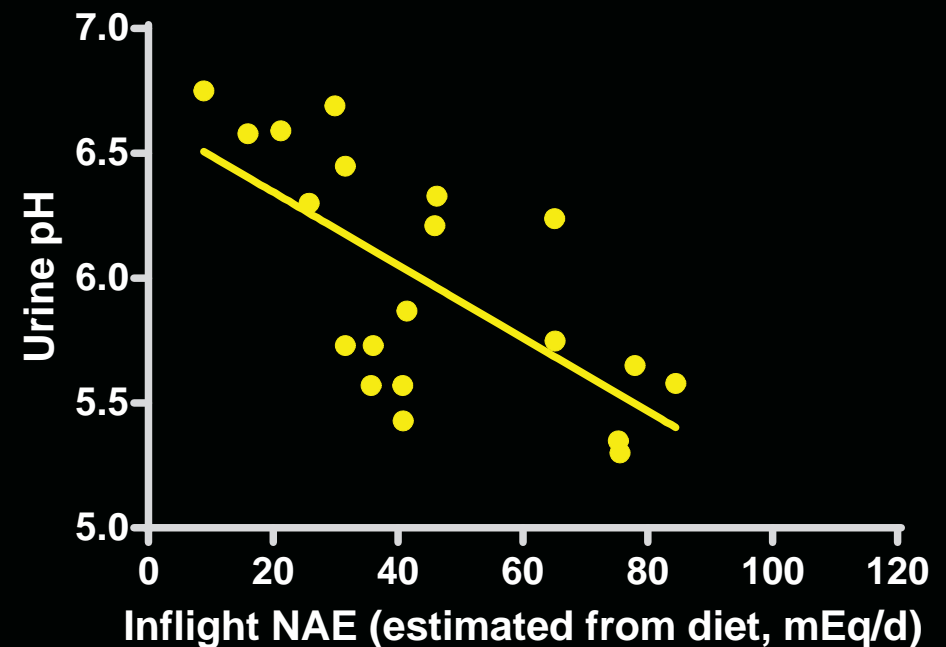




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Remer & Manz 1995

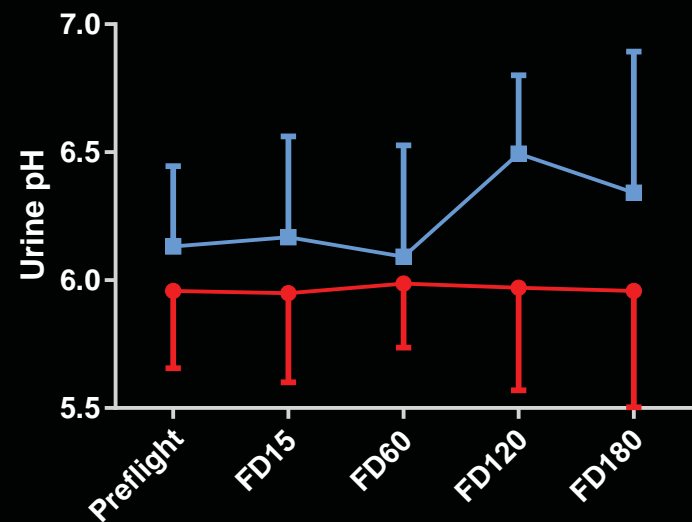
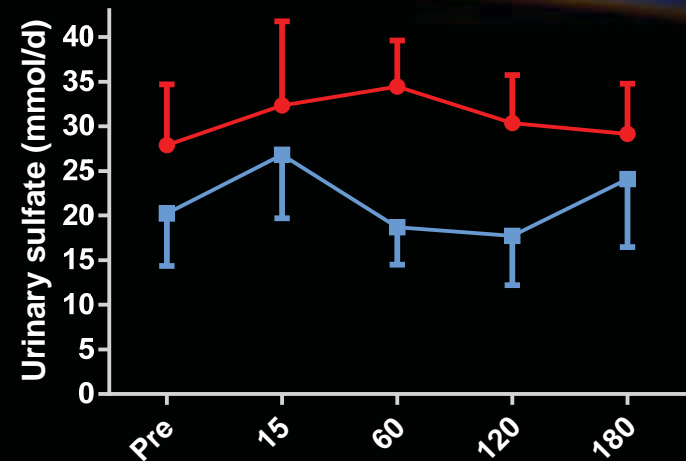
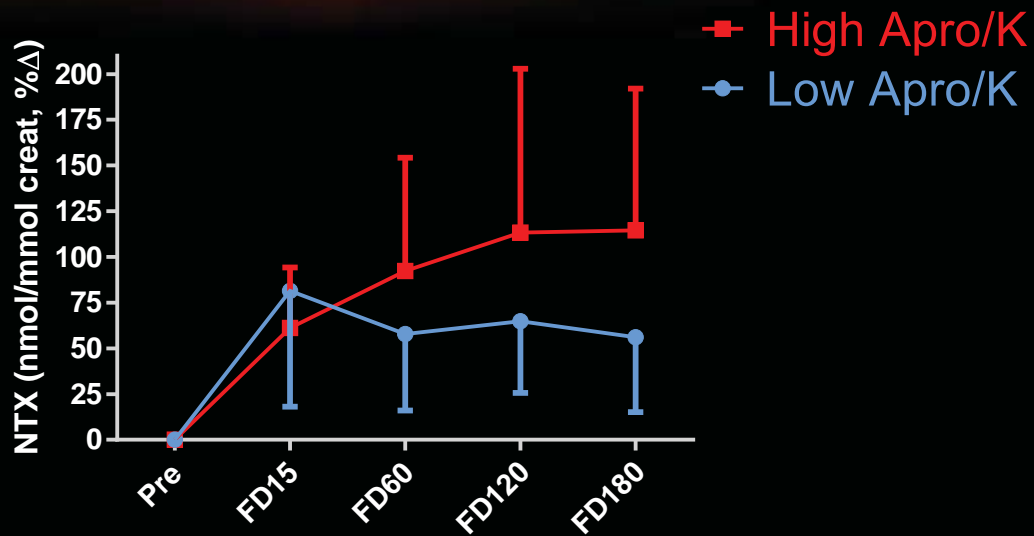


NAE = PRAL + Organic acids

$$\text{PRAL} = 2 \times [(0.00503 \times \text{mg met/d}) + (0.0062 \times \text{mg cys/d})] + (0.037 \times \text{mg P/d}) \\ - (0.021 \times \text{mg K/d}) - (0.026 \times \text{mg Mg/d}) - (0.013 \times \text{mg Ca/d})$$

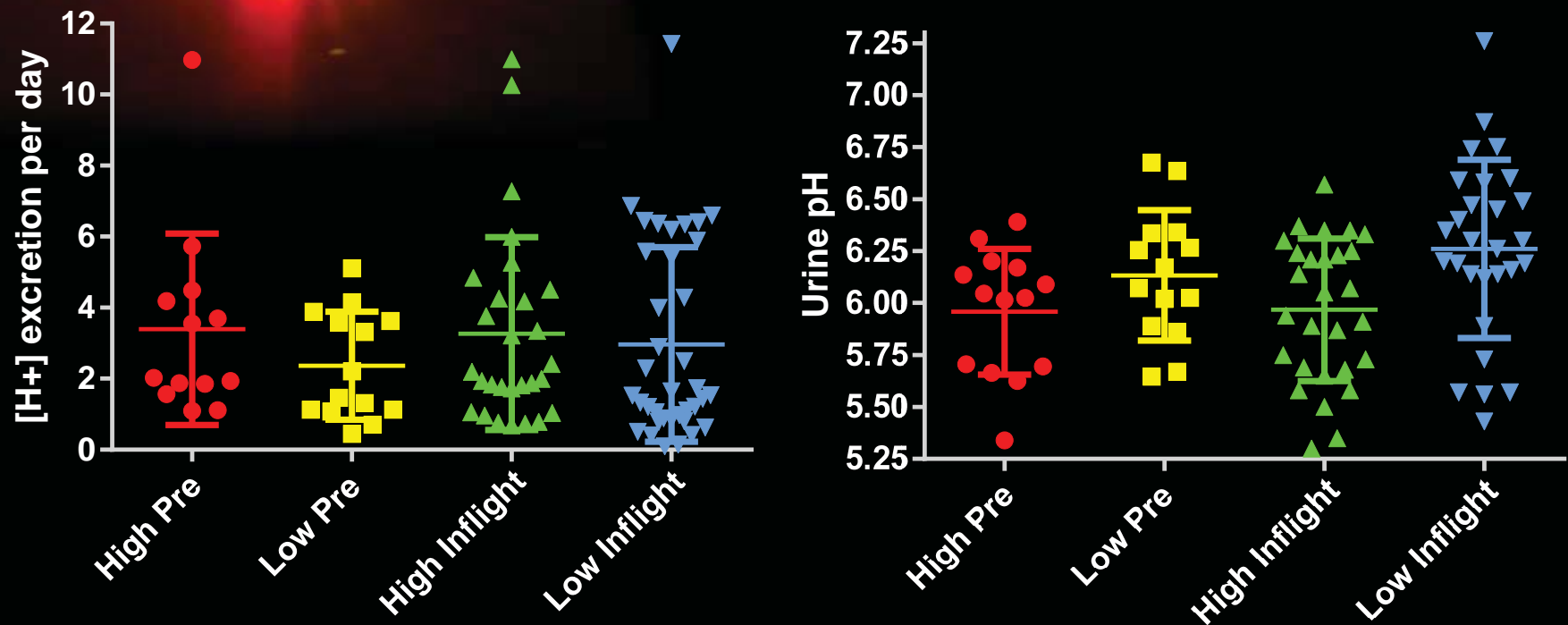


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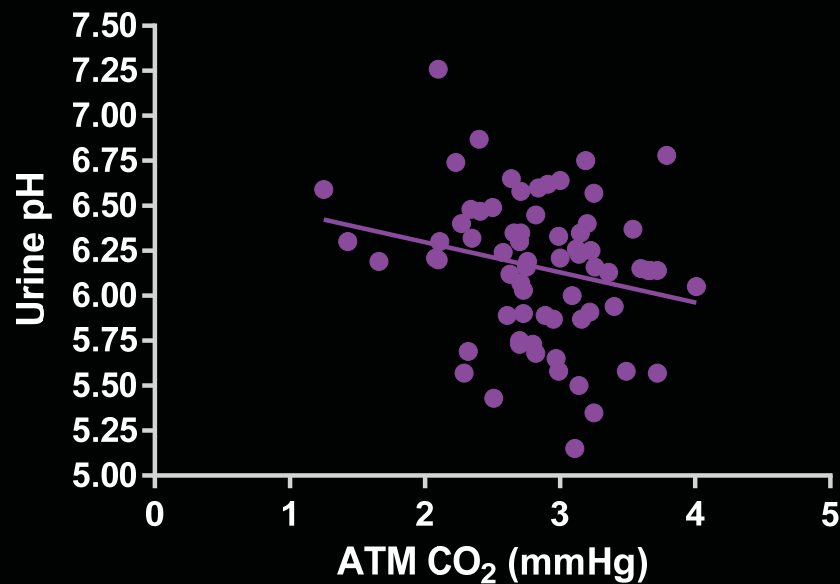
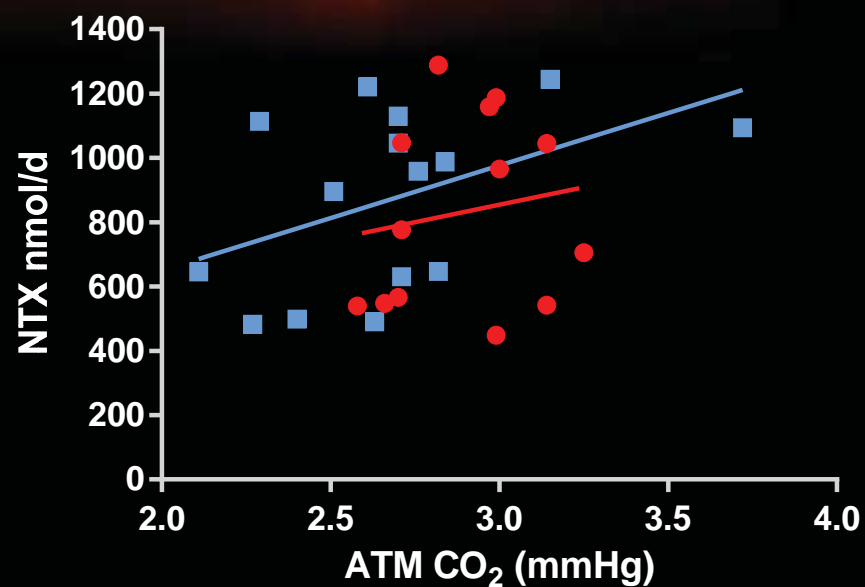


Variability between subjects – confounding factors?

Energy (i.e., kcal, % requirement, metabolic rate), Protein (% of kcal), CO<sub>2</sub>, Exercise, Inflammation, Gender, Exercise, Other (?)



# PRELIMINARY Results



● High diet  
■ Low diet





# Sodium



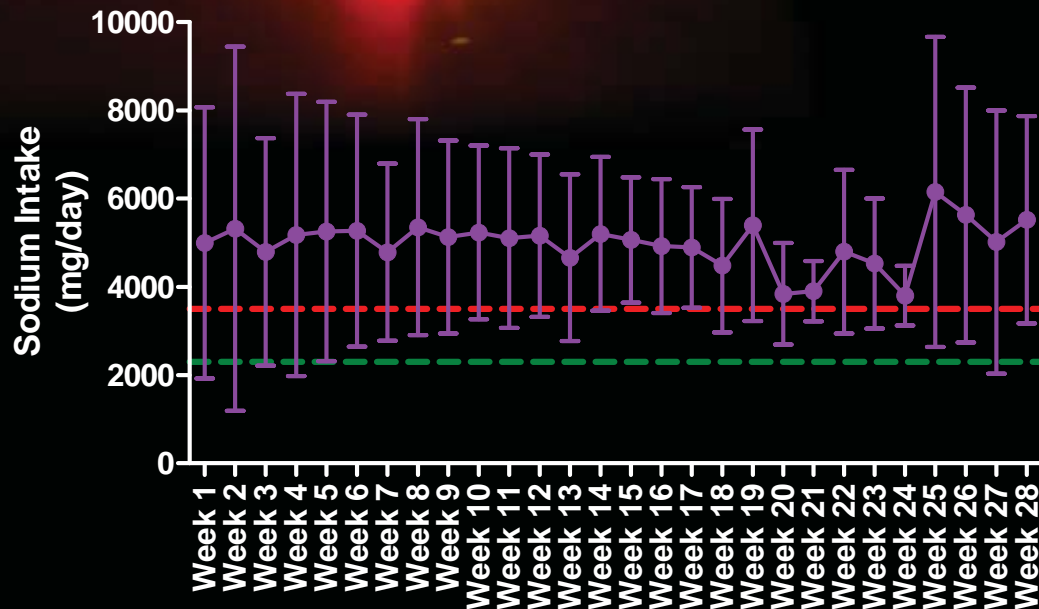
Excess sodium intake (and related effects on acid/base physiology) is associated with a number of health issues

- Bone loss
- Increased renal stone risk
- Impaired muscle performance/protein catabolism
- Altered glucose metabolism
- Hypertension

With the exception of hypertension, all of these other factors have been raised as concerns for space travelers.



# Sodium



3500 mg/d = ISS requirement; and the "old" RDA)

2300 mg/d = US Dietary Reference Intake Tolerable Upper Intake Level (UL)\*\*, and NASA exploration requirement

In 2005-2006, the average US intake of Na was estimated at 3,436 mg Na/d\*

In 1990-1999, the average US intake of Na was estimated at: 3,377 mg for 31-50 yo M\*\*

3,539 mg for 31-50 yo F

\* <http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2009/r090326.htm>

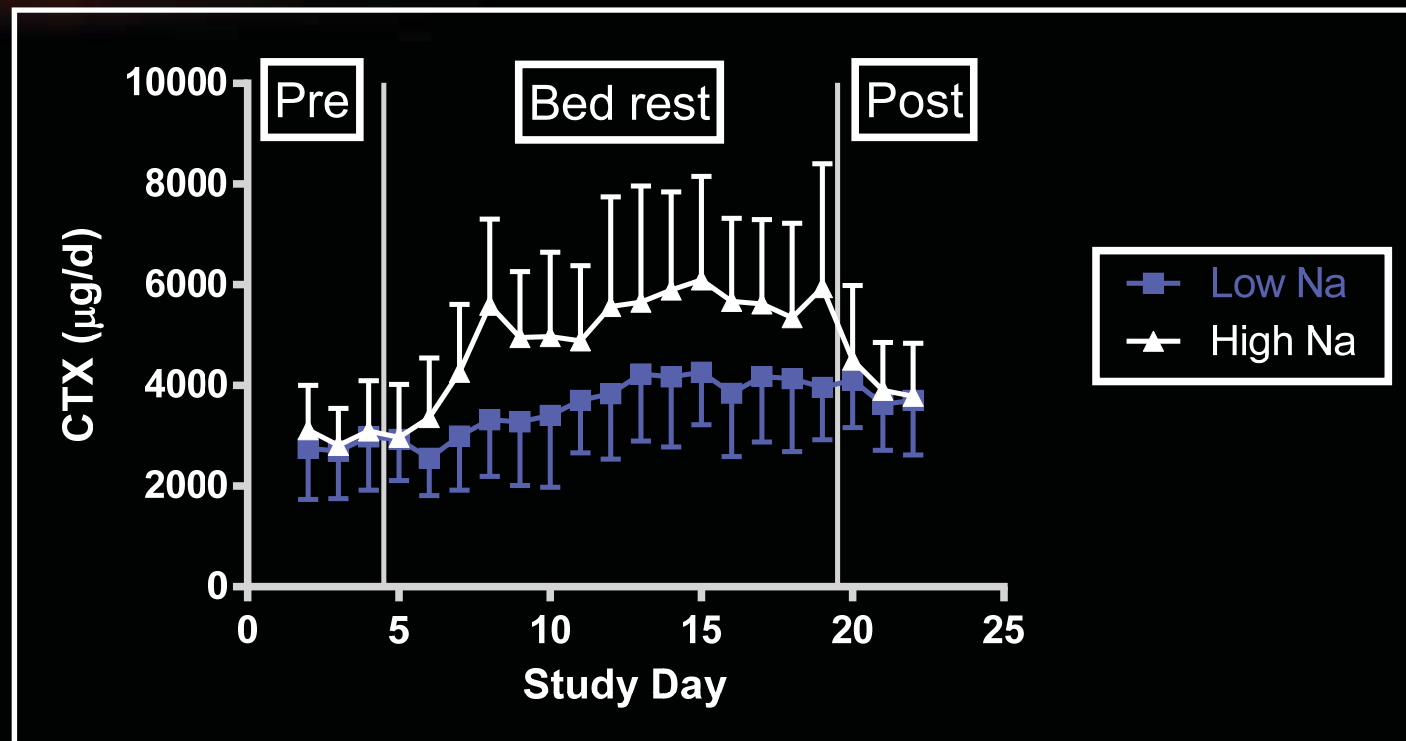
\*\* IOM, Dietary Reference Intakes, 2004



# Sodium and Bone

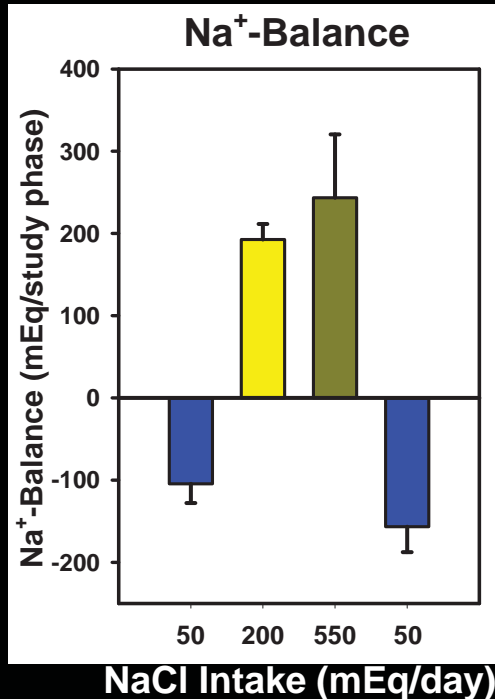


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# Sodium and pH

**Excess sodium intake leads to non-osmotic (i.e., non-fluid retaining) storage of sodium**

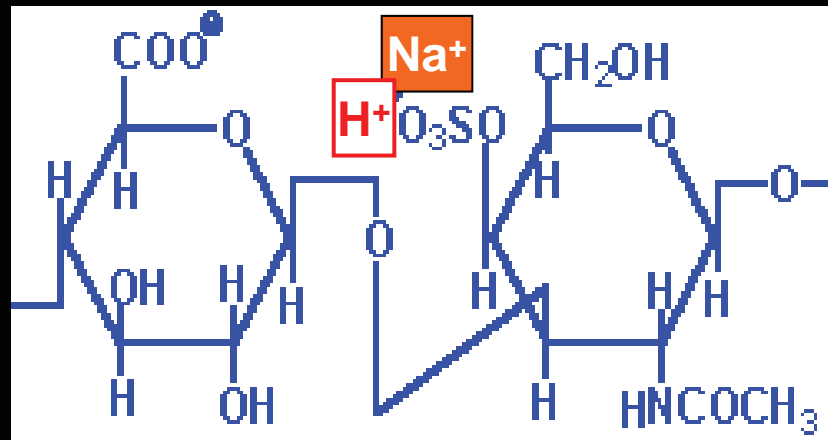


50 mEq = 1150 mg  
200 mEq = 4600 mg  
550 mEq = 12,650 mg

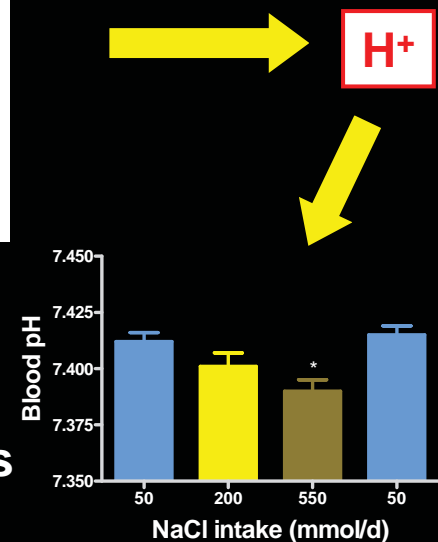
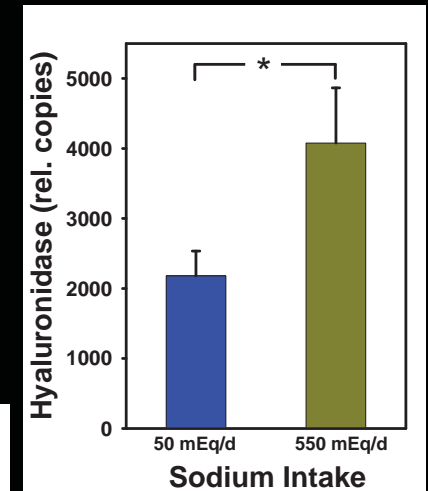
Heer, et al., *BJN*, 2009  
Frings-Meuthen et al, 2011

**The excess sodium is bound to glycosaminoglycans in skin, exchanging with a hydrogen ion.**

## Glycosaminoglycans



**H<sup>+</sup> release contributes to acid load**





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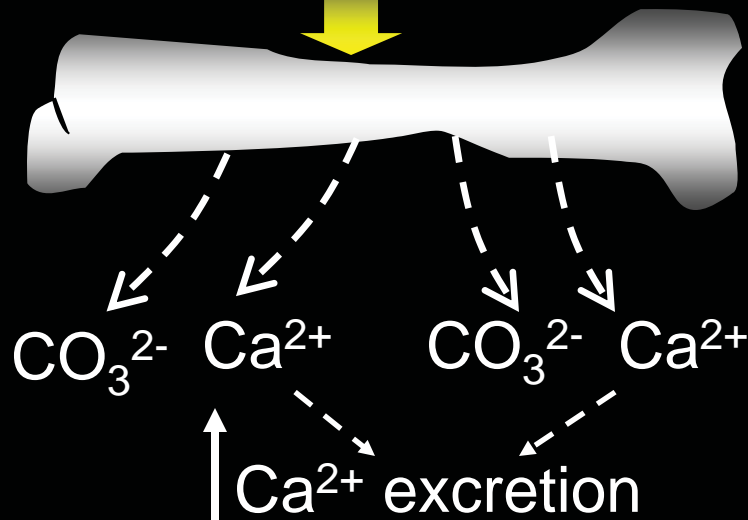


# Acid/Base and Bone

High protein, low potassium diet

**Acid Load** >> Alkali Load

**H<sup>+</sup>** >> Organic anions



$\text{Na}^+/\text{H}^+$   
exchange  
in skin  
GAGs

Excess  
dietary  
sodium



